

## **REMARKS**

This paper is in response to the Office Action of August 3, 2005 and the Examiner is thanked for the careful review of this Application. Claims 1-20 are pending.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-12, 16-18, and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,324,671 B1 to Ratzel et al. in view of US Patent No. 6,851,102 B2 to Tsuchiya. Claims 4, 7, 9, 13, 15, and 19 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ratzel and Tsuchiya in view of in view of US Patent No. 5,437,037 to Furuichi. Claims 8 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ratzel, Tsuchiya, and Furuichi in view of US Patent No. 6,539,420 B1 to Tiong et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Tsuchiya does not discuss a .txt file, i.e. an ascii text file. Tsuchiya discusses an HDL text file (col 6, line 9-13) however the extension of the HDL text file is not discussed. Nor does Tsuchiya disclose using task files with a .txt extension. This is not the same as Applicant's claimed invention because a .txt extension allows a default text editor to be launched whenever a user accesses the task file through means such as by double clicking on the task file. Without the .txt extension, HDL text files saved with extensions particular to an HDL tool would launch that HDL tool whenever a user accesses the file through means such as by double clicking on the file. Launching the HDL tool to access a HDL file would use a seat license for the HDL tool. With HDL licenses generally structured to simulation or compilation but not both at the same time, a user would have to wait for

a license to be available or additional seat licenses would have to be purchased in order to avoid downtime. Applicant's claimed invention minimizes the use of seat licenses by restricting task files to a .txt format.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither Ratzel, Furuichi, nor Tiong cure the deficiencies of Tsuchiya described above. More particularly, nowhere does Tsuchiya discuss a .txt file, i.e., an ascii text file, or that each of the tasks are formatted as .txt files and are correlated or associated with a .txt file. Independent claims 1, 5, 12, and 17 all define task files with a .txt file extension. Thus, dependent claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-16, and 18-20 are patentable over the cited references for at least the above reasons.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance based on the foregoing remarks. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6911. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ADAPP243). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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